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 c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: claims 1, 17 & 19.

Identification of prior art discussed: U.S. Patent No. 6,556,990 issued to Lane; 6,785,677 issued to Fritchman; 5,845,276 issued to Emerson et al.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's representative proposed (attached) amendment to overcome the applied prior art and at the same time highlight the novelty of the invention. The Examiner agreed with the proposed amendment to overcome the applied prior art.

Agenda and Proposed Amendments
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Agenda

-Discuss §102 and §103 rejections of claims in view of proposed amendments

Proposed Amendments

1. (Currently Amended) A method for indexing a database table, said table comprising a column of values, the method comprising the steps of:
identifying a plurality of substrings, each substring comprising one or more characters; and
for each substring creating a corresponding index over the column such that a plurality of substring-specific indices, each corresponding to a particular substring from among the plurality of substrings, are created for the same column, wherein each corresponding index includes a respective entry for each value in the column, the respective entry for a particular value being indicative of whether a the corresponding substring occurs in the particular value.

17. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for executing a query on a database table, said table comprising a column of values, the apparatus comprising:

at least one processor;
a memory coupled with the at least one processor;
a plurality of substring-specific indices stored within said memory and corresponding to the same column in said table, wherein each index corresponds to a particular one of a plurality of substrings and each index includes a respective entry for each value in the column, the respective entry in each index indicative of whether a corresponding substring to which such index corresponds occurs within the value for which the respective entry is included; and

a program code residing in the memory and executed by the at least one processor, the program code configured to scan the values of the table based on a combination of the plurality of indices.

19. (Currently Amended) A program product for indexing a database table, said table comprising a column of values, comprising:
- program code configured upon execution thereof to:
 - identify a plurality of substrings, each substring comprising one or more characters, and
 - for each substring, create a corresponding index over the column such that a plurality of substring-specific indices, each corresponding to a particular substring from among the plurality of substrings, are created for the same column, wherein each corresponding index includes a respective entry for each value in the column, the respective entry for a particular value being indicative of whether a the corresponding substring occurs in the particular value; and
 - a computer readable storage medium storing the program code.

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